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Case No. 2016-31648

COBALT INTERNATIONAL ENERGY, INC,	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
v.	§	
	§	
XL SPECIALTY INSURANCE CO, et al. Defendants.	§	125TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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ORIGINAL ANSWER OF DEFENDANT AXIS INSURANCE COMPANY FILED SUBJECT TO ITS PLEA TO THE JURISDICTION AND PLEA IN ABATEMENT

Defendant AXIS Insurance Company ("AXIS"), by its undersigned counsel, files this Original Answer subject to its plea to the jurisdiction and plea in abatement which were previously filed with the Court.

I.
GENERAL DENIAL

Per Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, AXIS generally denies each and every allegation contained in the live pleading of Plaintiff and Intervenors, and demands strict proof of each allegation be presented under the applicable burden of proof. Tex. R. Civ. P. 92.

II.
ATTORNEY'S FEES

AXIS requests that the Court award it attorney's fees against Plaintiff and Intervenors as permitted by the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act and the contract between AXIS and Plaintiff.

III.
REQUEST FOR RELIEF

AXIS asks this Court to enter judgment that Plaintiff and Intervenors take nothing by virtue of their lawsuit and to tax attorney's fees and costs against Plaintiff and Intervenors. AXIS also requests all other relief to which it is entitled.

Dated: April 14, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing document was filed electronically on April 14, 2017, and has been served on all counsel who have consented to electronic service. Any other counsel of record will be served by email or facsimile on this same date.

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